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TO: Each Supervisor

FROM: Thomas L. Garthwaite, MD

Director and Chief Medical Officer

SUBJECT: STATUS OF WEST NILE VIRUS PRESENTATIONS

On July 20, 2004, the Board approved a motion by Supervisor Antonovich, instructing the Department of Health Services to offer the services of the Speakers Bureau for making presentations regarding the West Nile Virus (WNV) to City Councils, Town Councils and other community organizations in the cities; and communicate with the Mayors and City Managers of the cities letting them know of the status of the WNV in the County and how available resources can be accessed by their residents.

Attached you will find a distribution list and a sample of letter which was mailed to all city mayors in Los Angeles County. This letter informed officials and provided how to access the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Speakers Bureau, list of DHS services available to residents regarding WNV in the County, an updated WNV activity summary of all human and equine cases to date, resource phone numbers, and a mosquito abatement district services map for their review.

If you have any question or need additional information, please let me know.

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Attachments

c: Chief Administrative Officer County Counsel Executive Officer, Board of Supervisor Gloria Molina First District

Yvonne Brathwaite Burke Second District

> Zev Yaroslavsky Third District

Don Knabe Fourth District

Michael D. Antonovich Fifth District





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August 10, 2004

Honorable Dan Kuperberg Mayor, City of Agoura Hills 30001 Ladyface Court Agoura Hills, CA 91301

Dear Honorable Dan Kuperberg:

SUBJECT: WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 2004

The Board of Supervisors requested that I communicate with you to fully inform you and officials in other cities in Los Angeles County (LAC) about West Nile Virus (WNV) programs and activities underway and how available resources can be accessed by your residents.

THE DISEASE:

Most people who are infected with WNV are asymptomatic – only one in every five persons infected with WNV will experience symptoms. However, of those who become ill, symptoms can include fever, headache, nausea, body aches, mild skin rash, or swollen lymph nodes. WNV may affect the central nervous system; in a few cases, the disease will progress to meningitis or encephalitis (inflammation of the brain).

WNV is spread by the bite of an infected mosquito. Mosquitoes are WNV vectors that become infected when they feed on infected birds. These infected mosquitoes can then spread WNV to humans and other animals when they bite. Specific control measures focus on controlling the mosquito vector and educating individuals on safeguards to reduce the risk of mosquito bites.

WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY IN LOS ANGELES COUNTY IN 2004:

West Nile Virus case totals change on a daily basis. A copy of the most recent report is attached. For updated case counts, visit our website at http://lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm.

PREVENTION AND SURVEILLANCE:

Prevention activities to limit the community impact of WNV require a multidisciplinary team approach. Los Angeles County has worked with the independent Mosquito and Vector Control Abatement Districts, the other local public health departments of Pasadena, Vernon, and Long Beach, and other interested public health organizations on this effort. Much of the effort for

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Michael D. Antonovich Fifth District mosquito abatement is the responsibility of the five vector control districts operating in LAC. This year, the County has funded mosquito abatement activities in cities and unincorporated areas that are uncovered or without routine mosquito control services. DHS staff is working with these cities and mosquito control districts toward a permanent solution including the possibility of annexation of uncovered areas into an existing district.

West Nile virus surveillance in Los Angeles County includes the reporting of human and animal cases of this disease. To enhance timely human disease identification and enacting localized prevention efforts to limit additional cases, laboratory documented West Nile Virus (WNV) infection has been added to the list of mandated reportable diseases and conditions in Los Angeles County (California Code of Regulations, Title 17, Sections 2503 and 2505). Physicians and laboratories must report patients with a positive WNV test to DHS within one (1) working day using a standard Confidential Morbidity Report (CMR).

EDUCATIONAL EFFORTS:

In anticipation of human WNV cases, DHS recently mailed out over 34,000 WNV information CD-ROMs to healthcare professionals throughout Los Angeles County. Department staff has conducted training on West Nile virus for various agencies including County Parks and Recreation, Agricultural Commissioners/Weights and Measures, Public Works, the United States Forest Service, and the Los Angeles City Department of Recreation and Parks. We have trained over 100 DHS staff in a comprehensive WNV presentation curriculum. These staff are available to make presentations to your City Council, to your staff, or to community agencies in your city. Presentations may be arranged through the Area Health Officer serving your area (see attached list).

For public use, DHS established a toll free telephone number with information in five languages (1-800-975-4448). A website (http://lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm) is maintained with updated WNV information, resources, and downloadable materials such as: a one page low literacy flyer in English and Spanish; a 16-page Mosquito Control booklet in English and Spanish; periodic WNV Activity Summaries which reflect current statistics; and links to various other resources, such as the Mosquito and Vector Control Abatement Districts and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC).

CONCLUSION:

With the identification of human cases and strong environmental indicators indicating the presence of WNV, we are certain to have more human cases. Accordingly, surveillance, containment, and public education activities continue to be a public health priority to meet the increased public health need.

Very truly yours,

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Attachments

c: Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors Each Supervisor To request a speaker from the Los Angeles County Department of Health Services Speakers Bureau on West Nile virus, please contact your Area Health Officer.¹

Area Health Officer for SPA 1 and 2 (Antelope Valley and San Fernando Areas):

Deborah Davenport, RN, MS 818 487-0148 818 487-0110 fax 5300 Tujunga Avenue North Hollywood, CA 91601

Area Health Officer for SPA 3 and 4 (San Gabriel and Metro Areas):

M. Ricardo Calderon, MPH 213 240-8043 213 202-6096 Fax 241 N. Figueroa Street #312A Los Angeles, CA 90012

Area Health Officer for SPA 5 and 6 (West and South Areas):

Martina Travis, RN 323 563-4093 323 249-1591 1522 E. 102nd Street Los Angeles, CA 90002

Area Health Officer for SPA 7 and 8 (East and South Bay/Long Beach Areas):

Erica Watson, MD, MPH 562 464-5408 562-698-8857 Fax 7643 S. Painter Avenue Whittier, CA 90602

To determine the Area Health Officer for your city please visit http://lapublichealth.org/spa/spamap.htm



WEST NILE VIRUS ACTIVITY SUMMARY #11

(August 6, 2004)

Los Angeles County case total now 24.

As of 8/6/04, 24 cases of West Nile disease have been identified in our county—2 cases were asymptomatic blood donors, but most (n=14, 58%) were diagnosed with neuroinvasive disease (6 with encephalitis, 7 with meningitis, and 1 with acute flaccid paralysis). Among all of the cases, most are males (n=22, 92%) and the majority are residents of eastern cities (n=18, 75%). The age range for all of the cases is 9 to 71 years—cases diagnosed with neuroinvasive disease tend to be older (median age 59 years) as compared to those with West Nile fever (median age 43 years).

POSITIVE WNV TESTS, YEAR-TO-DATE, 2004*

			Environmental Surveillance		
	Human Cases	Equine Cases	Dead Birds	Sentinel Chickens	Mosquito Pools
Los Angeles County	24**	1	648***	15	71
California	103	62	1,250	127	341

^{*} As of 8/6/04—data are provisional and subject to change.

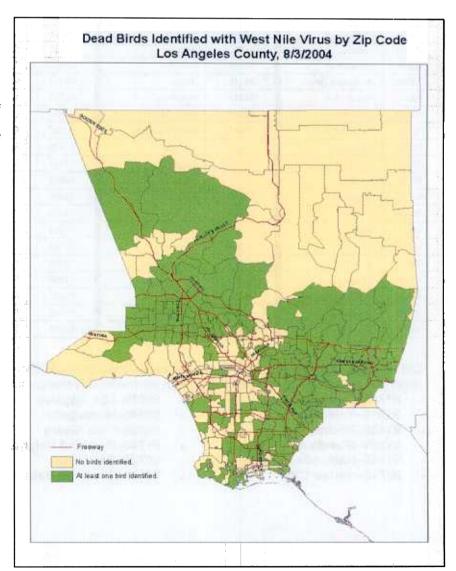
** Excludes cases in Long Beach and Pasadena.

West Nile virus-infected dead birds:

WNV-infected dead birds have been recovered from nearly all areas of Los Angeles County. Statewide, more than half of the WNV-infected dead birds have been recovered from our county, and most of those from eastern cities.

For questions regarding the reporting and testing of West Nile virus, visit:
www.lapublichealth.org/acd/VectorWestNile.htm

or contact
Acute Communicable
Disease Control
213-240-7941
Mon-Fri 8:00am – 5:00pm



^{***}As noted below, bird collection has been discontinued in many Los Angeles areas; as such, this frequency underestimates the number of WNV-infected dead birds occurring in our county.

WEST NILE VIRUS

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH SERVICES Public Health



West Nile Virus, General Information

- LA DHS phone line at 1-800-975-4448
 (Available in English, Spanish, Chinese, Korean, and Vietnamese)
- West Nile Virus web page at www.LAPublicHealth.org
 - Health Education Materials, that can be downloaded
 - •Information for healthcare providers

Dead Bird Reporting

Dead birds in certain locations of LA County are no longer being picked up, however continue to report dead birds:

- LA County Public Health Veterinary 1-877-747-2243
- California State Health Department 1-877-WNV-BIRD

Healthcare Professionals

- Physicians must report all cases of West Nile Virus disease to ACDC at 213-240-7941.
- Reporting Forms and Lab requirements can be down loaded online at the West Nile Virus web page through www.LAPublicHealth.Org



Mosquito and Vector Control Abatement Districts (MVCD)

There are five MVCDs and they each handle the following:

- · Reports mosquito or standing water issues
- · Have the ability to cite and fine
- To obtain mosquito fish or other abatement, dead bird testing, or education materials.

The five districts are:

- Greater LA County VCD 562-944-9656 or www.glacvcd.org
- San Gabriel Valley Mosquito and VCD 626-814-9466 or www.sgvmosquito.org
- LA County West VCD 310-915-7370 or www.lawestvector.org
- Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District (MAD) 310-639-7375
- Antelope Valley MVCD 661-942-2917 or www.avmosquito.org

NOTE:

To determine which MVCD corresponds to your zip code, contact 1-877-WNV-BIRD.

For people living in Long Beach or Pasadena, please direct them to LONG BEACH: 562-570-4132 or www.longbeach.gov/health PASADENA: 626-744-4000 or www.ci.pasadena.ca.us

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Glendale, CA 91206

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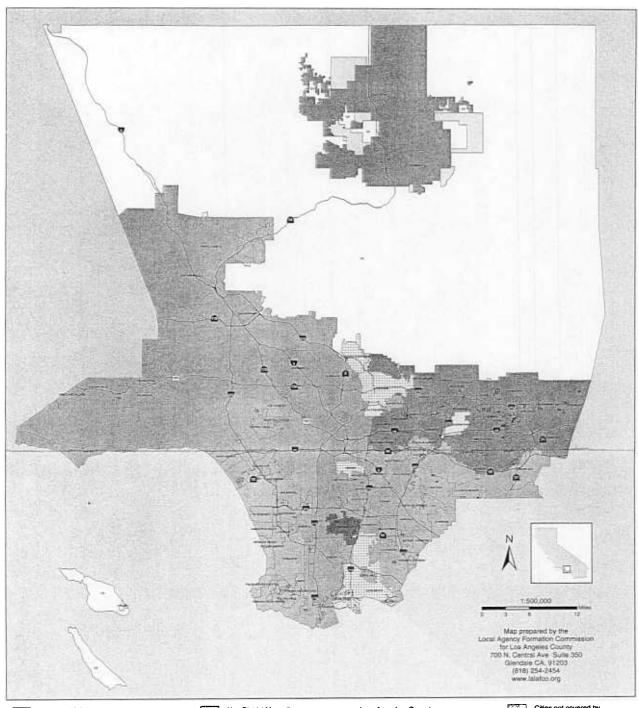
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Mosquito and / or Vector Control Districts Incorporated and Unincorporated Areas of Los Angeles County



Antelope Valley
Mosquito and Vector Control District
P.O. Box 1192
Lancaster, CA 93584
(681) 942-2917
www.armosquito.org

Compton Creek Mosquito Abatement District 1224 S. Santa Fe Ave. Compton, CA 90221 (310) 639-7375

Greater Los Angeles County Vector Control District 12545 Florence Ave. Santa Fe Springs, CA 90670 (562) 944-9656 www.glacvcd.org

San Gabriel Valley
Mosquito & Vector Control District
1145 N. Azusa Canyon Rd.
West Covina, CA 91790
(628) 814-9466
www.sgvmosquito.org

Los Angles County West Vector Control District 6750 Centinela Ave. Culver City, CA 90230 (310) 915-7370 Non-District Mosquito and / or Vector Control

City of Long Beach Health and Human Services 2525 Grand Ave Rm. 220 Long Beach, CA 90815 (562) 570-4132 www.longbeach.gov

City of Pasadena Public Health Department 1845 N Fair Oaks Ave Pasadena, CA 91103 (626) 744-6005 www.ci.pasadena.ca.us/publichealth/

City of LaCañada-Flintridge City Hall 1327 Foothill Blvd. La Cañada Flintridge, CA 91011 (818) 790-8880 www.lacanadaflintridge/city/index.htm

City of Vernon 4305 South Santa Fe Ave Vernon, CA 90058 (326) 826-1420 www.cityofvernon.org/index1.htm Los Angeles County Public Health Department of Health Services

Acute Communicable Disease Control Program 313 N. Figueroa St. Los Angeles, CA 90012 (213) 240-7941 www.lapublichealth.org/acd/index.htm

Environmental Health Vector Management 5050 Commerce Dr. Baldwin Park, CA 91706 (626) 430-5200 www.lapublichealth.org/eh/index.htm

Veterinary Public Health 3834 S. Western Ave., Suite 238 Los Angeles, CA 90062 (323) 730-3723 www.laoublichealth.org/vet/index.htm

State of California Department of Health Services

Communicable Disease Control Tolt Free Telephone: 877-968-2473 E-mail: arbovirus@dhs.ca.gov www.westnile.ca.gov Cities not covered by Mosquito and/or Vector Control Districts

Unincorporated County areas not covered by Mosquito and/or Vector Control Districtrs

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